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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Mack, et al.

U.S.S.N.: 09/833,755 Group No.: 1756

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For: Tribological Materials and Structures and Methods for Making the Same

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

This is a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to February 9, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for the required fee as required under 35 USC §1.17(a)(2).

Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required.

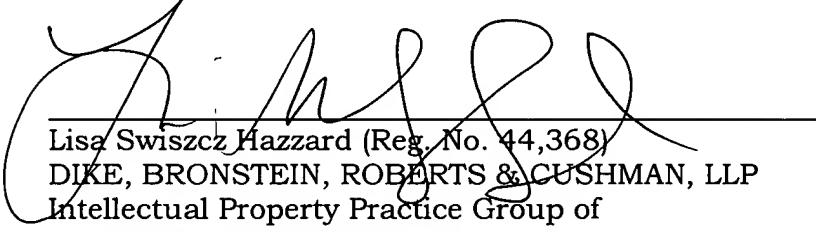
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